

I enclose two or three little notes, which I will thank you to forward.  
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My dear Friend

I hope you have received before this my long delayed letter, and its enclosure. Meanwhile, I owe you about a million thanks besides, that I have endeavored to pay for your uninterrupted and unwearied kindnesses. I look forward with eager anticipation to the arrival of the new box - "a box whose sweets compacted lie;" I trust the big box which I sent several months ago through the Smithsonian, may have found its way to the Peirces, and that you and other friends find in it certain books and that they were to your taste. They have been so long upon the "barren sea", that I half fear they may have been seized by old Poseidon and made the nucleus of a marine library. I greatly prefer Athens to the watery monarch. I also sent by Dr. Colting, a few copies of a little book called *Speller*, but I believe I did not mention that the said book was written by a neighbor and friend of mine, Henry Greenough brother of the celebrated Sculptor. I looked after the Athenian topography and wrote the "Suburban Excursion" - and parts of the dramatic entertainments, to amuse the weary hours of illness. I mention these little facts that you may understand that I am not the author of the book, as you might for some things in it, suspect. Our friend Sophocles intends to revisit Greece this Summer: he will start in about a fortnight, to return by Sept. 1, when our new

Academic year Announces. I am here: I am a boy who is going to  
Athens: I am in a perpetual humors for Athens. Alas! why am I  
chained to these New England rocks, a Yankee Prometheus - fastened  
by the adamantine bands of the presidency, with no prospect of  
becoming a Προσφύλις Πρύτανης for many a long year. I believe I  
have been the cause of many an American going to Athens: - half a  
dozen at least, are now on their way thither, spurred by my representations.  
Among the rest, two young ladies - Miss Chambers, and Miss Bridge -  
both of whom have been under my instruction in Agassiz's School. I  
wish you to commend them to your special regard, and particularly  
I hope you will give them an opportunity to see the young ladies in  
the School. Should they go to Athens before Constantine, will you put  
them in the way of seeing Kalliope, from whom I receive a charming note  
through you? I wish I had an opportunity of sending her some books. Perhaps  
you can indicate some quarter in Constantinople to which I could  
address a parcel for her. - I sit here writing to you while waiting for  
our Wednesday Evening visitors. Like other Presidents - say the President  
of the United States - I hold my weekly levees. Ah! if you and your  
could drop in: if I could welcome Sir Thomas and Miss Wynn -  
if the Archbishop general - if the Byzantine Historian - if Senator  
Psyllas - and half a dozen of the Professors in the Πανεπιστήμιον  
could drop in - what an Attic Night we would make of it!!  
The very imagination of it sets my brain on fire.

I must repeat to you how much obliged I am to all my Athenian  
friends who have sent me books and pamphlets. I make instant

me of them in my lectures. I am going to give an entire lecture to  
Prof. <sup>Athens</sup> Scherer - another to Rangabe <sup>Parvatis</sup> - and others to others this term,  
for, though I have ceased to be profan, I shall persist in giving lectures  
in the University, as long as I have any connection with it. I have  
recently finished the popular poetry - having translated a large number  
of the best of the <sup>Kyriana-romantika</sup> Klephthi Ballads. I shall occupy a lecture with  
<sup>Trojan</sup> Tropicus and his works - another with the young Indian <sup>Boromian</sup> Valaorta.

Pray tell all my friends that the most trifling pamphlets and papers  
- advertisements - notices, - no matter where - have an interest here  
not to be despised, - and that they serve a most useful end -  
always. Will you tell Mr. <sup>Thompson</sup> Parvatis that the moment his Ephemeris  
arrives, I sit down and read it through, so marking anything  
I can use in my lectures - that he has furnished both theme and  
substance to more than one entire lecture.

I am anxious to procure all the <sup>prognostical</sup> parts with regard to the  
political literary men of Athens. Would Prof. Scherer consent to  
give me, seriatim, the leading dates of his life and labors? Would  
Rangabe do the same? and others? Please save them. I should  
be delighted to make them and their labors with better know-  
ledge than they are at present, in this great republic. You see  
Athens and the Athenians still occupy me, though I have all the  
cares of this great University on my shoulders - thank Heaven they  
are tolerably broad.

About half an hour ago, I received the joyful announcement  
of the death of Prof. Thiersch: - another good man gone. What

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a varied life has his been, for a Professor. I have a hearty love for the pleasant old man, at whose home I receive the most hospitable reception. How the old landmarks of literature and Science are sweeping away!

I have received today a letter from Mr. Buel, to introduce a son of his, the missionary. I have not yet seen the young man, but have to him his own son. This name is a letter of recommendation, Banale, whom you remember, will probably be sent on Vice-Consul to Syria. He is much respected here, as a young man of character and acquirements - Thursday, Fast Day. We have last night a very agreeable gathering of students, professors, ladies and laymen, with music, chocolate and tea. I have established tea and chocolate with cake for the festive part of the entertainment, as I do not intend to give wine over. My purpose is to advise the young man to abstain from wine while in college, not on the ground of <sup>a</sup> moral obligation to abstain from wine on all occasions, but 1. because young men do not need a stimulant to their youthful spirits. 2. because wine is morally certain to be abused, if introduced among young men separated from general society. For similar reasons I shall urge total abstinence from cigars, and tobacco in every shape. In other words, I shall frankly tell them that, not believing myself in the obligation of men to abstain totally from either, I shall advise them to exercise total abstinence as a principle while they are undergraduates, as a wise and expedient safeguard against the temptations to undue indulgence. - But what is the use of bothering you with my notions of academic duty? You see, I am beating now as a set of father confessors. Will you please give my avowed love to all your household, as to all friends in Athens, and believe me, as ever most affectionately,  
Your friend  
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